the Hidayathul Islam Sabha, Trichur, for the purchase of a site for their school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government have already sanctioned a special grant of Rs. 2,000 to this school under the grant-in-aid rules of the *Education Code* and they regret that nothing more can be given.

Assault of non-Caste Hindus.

499. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has it been brought to the attention of the Government that non-Hindus standing on public roads are assaulted by some caste-Hindu processionists that take part in the *Para* Procession at Ernakulam for alleged pollution of *Para* by looking at it;

(b) has the attention of the Government been drawn to a leaflet issued over the signature of one Mr. K. M. Aboo Backer alleging that a Muslim was assaulted this year on the occasion of the *Para* Procession at Ernakulam;

(c) has the Government made enquiries about the said leaflet;

(d) are the Government aware of similar incidents that have taken place in previous years also;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, are they aware that those assaults took place in the presence of the Police;

(f) does the Government propose to take any step to prevent a repetition of such incidents?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No complaints seem to have been received in the matter in previous years. This year, however, the leaflet, referred to in part (b), contained news of such assault.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) No reply is called for in view of the above answer to (d).

(f) No special steps are necessary in the matter.

Adjournment of the last Council meeting.

500. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why the Legislative Council rose earlier before lunch on Friday, the 11th Kumbham 1104;

(b) why the Council was adjourned without doing any business as soon as the Council re-assembled after lunch on 11th Kumbham 1104?

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Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) The President, after taking the sense of the meeting, adjourned the Council, on a requisition from Mr. S. S. Koder, as a great many of its Members wanted to participate in the reception given to His Highness Rama Varma, M. A., L. T., B. Sc., Bar-at-Law, on his return from Europe where he was the first from the Ruling Family to go for the prosecution of higher studies.

(b) The train was late and several Members suggested to the Deputy President the advisability of adjourning the Council. The President and the Deputy President could not possibly attend the meeting in time.

Talavattampara road and Ayalur Road from Kypancheri to Ayalur Temple.

501. Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether, considering the importance of Ayalur Tiruvazhiyad and Kyradi in population, traffic and education, the Government will kindly make the above two roads a second class road and place the same under P. W. Department?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The matter will be considered by the Government.

Forest exclusions and Survey charges of kanam lands.

502. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) on what principle the prices of forest exclusions are fixed;

(2) why should the Government burden the purchasers of *kanam* lands with Survey charges when they have incurred none when such lands were sold?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Land value of forest exclusions is generally fixed with reference to the fertility of the soil, facilities of water supply, importance of the locality and other like considerations.

(2) The Survey charges represent the cost incurred by the Sirkar in the demarcation and Survey of the exclusions, to be subsequently recovered from the parties at the time of assignment.

Harbour Reclamation works and the ferry route.

503. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) is it not a fact that after the commencement of the Harbour reclamation works a more lengthy route has to be

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